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PAPER INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the paper industry is facing acute shortage of raw material;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Indian paper Industry is also facing threat from Chinese paper mills; and

(d) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Government to protect the Indian paper and pulp industry ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The paper industry is facing shortage of good quality cellulosic raw material. The shortage of raw material is primarily due to inadequate supply of timber, agri-residue and recyclable waste paper.

(c): No, Sir. There is no such threat at present.

(d): Does not arise.